financial year (2002-2003) under Project Tiger and other schemes was Rs. 112.16 lakhs. Though no financial assistance was granted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), one diesel Jeep and two motor cycles were donated by the said organisation during the financial year 2002-2003.

(b) The total collection from tourists in Dudhwa National Park during the last financial year (2002-2003) was Rs. 5,67,868.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The domesticated elephants used for tourist visits and inspection by park officials are reportedly in good health, except for one female elephant which is continuously ill for the last few years and is under medical care. Proper monitoring and surveillance of the wild animals is being done by the park authorities apart from taking due care of the domesticated elephants.

Illegal deforestation

1383. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of the last five years where deforestation has taken place;

(b) whether all area of deforestation was done in a controlled manner through tenders;

(c) if so, the amount of funds generated through these tenders;

(d) whether cases have come to the notice of the Ministry of illegal deforestation; and

(e) the State in which illegal deforestation had taken place and the action taken by the Government to control this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) Felling in the forest areas under the control of the State Forest Department is done according to the prescriptions of Working

Plans. The implementation of the prescriptions of the Working Plans is the responsibility of the State Government and the details are not available with the Ministry.

(d) and (e) No specific instance of large scale illegal deforestation has come to the notice. However, sporadic instances of illegal felling of trees do occur in the various States and on detection action is taken by the officials of the State Government under Indian Forest Act and other rules and Acts prevailing in the States.

Declaring forest villages as revenue villages in MP

†1384. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a propoal to the Central Government for declaring 925 forest villages of the State as revenue villages;

(b) whether the Central Government have expressed their approval/objection regarding all these villages; and

(c) if not, whether approval/objections would be given at the earliest keeping in view, the interests of the tribals and no such conditions would be imposed on them which would unnecessarily delay the transformation of forest villages into revenue villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a list of 925 forest villages in 27 Districts of the State, to the Central Government for conversion into revenue villages. The proposal is incomplete and not according to the guidelines issued by the Central Government on 18th September, 1990, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Eco-system of Changthang region

1385. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the opening

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.